



SOMERVILLE BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
September 2011 MINUTES
Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone

Community Representatives (* in attendance):

*Alexander Epstein, Chairman
*Charles Denison, Vice Chairman
Brian Postlewaite
*Enid Kumin
Jim Gallagher
*Alan Moore
*Ron Newman
Ken Carlson
*Tim Talun

Ex-Officio (* in attendance):

Janice Delory, Office of the Mayor
Bob Trane, Board of Alderman
Commissioner Stanley Koty, Department of Public Works
Terry Smith, Traffic & Parking
Chief Pasquarello, Police Department
*Nikhil Nadkarni, Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development
*Sarah Spicer, Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development
*Hayes Morrison, Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development

Day/Date: Tuesday, September 20, 2011

Time: 7:00-9:00 pm

Location: City Hall, basement employee lounge

Procedural Business:

1. Guest introductions:
 - o Lauren Clayton, regular attendee
 - o Jeremy Mendelson, pending member
2. Membership: new & old members update: Motion to approve Jeremy's application to be sent to the Mayor. Passed unanimously.
3. August 2011 Minutes Approved: unanimous

Education and Outreach:

1. Map subcommittee deliverables (Jeremy, Nikhil?): Jeremy found a hi-res version of our new map

2. Map poster printing (Alex): Alex to have large map printed through own channels; Sarah will provide map.
3. SPD bicycle registration program update (Alex): Police will continue to maintain the database. City has created an online form, soon to be accessible through 311 site and police site. We should publicize this at events and through local media.
4. Spring bike-ped counts (Nikhil)
 - a. October Bike and Pedestrian count announcements: Thursday September 29 @ 7 pm, Public Safety Building, Public presentation of counts. Bike counts level over last year, increase on roads with new bike lanes/sharrows. Ped count up since last year. Looking for volunteers to help with October counts. Lauren suggested automatic bike counters.
5. Grounding McGrath update (Jim): First public meeting held earlier tonight. Scope is in line with what SBAC would want. A lot of public comments that it's 10-15 years before implementing the final plan. Need interim solutions (i.e. bike lanes, sharrows, ped signals, crosswalks) as part of bridge repairs. Questions about not spending money to fix it now. Need short/medium/long term goals.

ACTION ITEM: SBAC should come up with a list of ped/bike improvements (short term). Send your ideas to Jeremy.

Events:

1. Tour de Somerville Bike Ride update (Ron): Sat Oct 15, 10 am, starting @ Seven Hills Park. Theme: "Arts in the Ville". We will visit places throughout Somerville where art is produced, exhibited, or performed. A draft map is at <http://goo.gl/NpP19>
2. SCA/350.org bike ride from Union Sq (Ron): Sat Sep 24 before Fluff Fest in Union Square
3. SomerStreets--Shore Dr review (Alan, Alex): not well attended, likely because of location, lack of food vendors.

Infrastructure:

1. On Street Bike Parking & Bike Racks update (Nikhil): On Street Racks going in at Bloc 11 and Diesel, later True Grounds. Removed Dec 1 -> March 1. Alex suggested a map of all current racks. OSPCD will create a map from their list.
2. 2011 bike lane/sharrow updates and issues, including Bow St. and Temple St. (Nikhil): T&P pushing back on bike lane plan (Bow St). Nikhil has a bike lane sketch ready. Ron motioned letter to Mayor for bike lanes on Bow St. Unanimously approved. OSPCD will ask T&P to stripe bike lanes on Temple St.
3. 2012 City plans for bike lanes (12 in '12?) (Nikhil): No proposal yet.
4. Hubway status (Nikhil): 7 stations in spring. Signing contract in Oct. MAPC is fiduciary agent.
5. Preview presentation of Lowell St. to Washington St. Community Path design. Upcoming public meeting on Sept. 22 (Alan): 6:30 pm, Somerville HS Cafeteria.
6. Union Square: form a subcommittee to propose bike accommodations to complete the bike network on Somerville Ave, Washington St, Prospect St, and Bow St where there are none. (Alan): Start with a letter to Rob King (Chief Engineer at DPW). Motion for Charlie to write letter, include Bow St request for bike lanes in it (amend prior motion); CC mayor. Unanimously approved.

7. Beacon Street resurfacing letter and map for Mayor (Tim) [VOTE]: Ron suggested to amend map with Oxford St. Committee unanimously approved with addition of Oxford St to the letter and map.
8. Interdepartmental Bicycle Meeting [IBM] (Alex): November
 - a. Poor Pavement Priorities map-- committee members please update
 - b. Other initiatives for IBM presentation: Present latest cycle track design for Beacon St. Complete Streets policy. Comprehensive Bicycle Plan. East/West Bike Route (possibly, if Brian is interested in continuing)

Policy:

1. Bicycle plan [6 E's and BFC feedback response] (Tim, Ken): Subcommittee meeting, look at former draft. Identify scope for interdepartmental meeting. Also need input to City's Comprehensive Plan.
2. Complete Streets Policy Planning (Alex, Nikhil): Sarah suggested researching examples of existing policies (Cambridge has ordinances, Boston has policies). Look for strong state/city, weak county policies. Work with OSPCD/DPW (incl T&P)/Health Dept.
3. City bike abandonment and removal policy (Ron): no update
4. Enforcement policy (Jeremy): Jeremy making contact with police.

New Business:

1. Lauren following up on innovative practices subcommittee.